already have procedures in place for providing standard passenger facilitation measures in the event of delay/postponement of flights and do everything within their means to ensure that stranded passengers are not inconvenienced. Besides, because of the very nature of the air transportation industry, safety considerations have to be given foremost priority and reasons for delay of the flights are often beyond the control of the airlines. Such a punitive law may also end up increasing the cost of air travel considerably as airlines may be compelled to pass on a part of the financial burden to the passengers.

Flights handled at HAL Airport, Bangalore

2787. SHRI KB. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of CIVILAVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of flights being handled by HAL Airport, Bangalore, everyday;

(b) the number of passengers travelling every day to various places by different flights from HAL Airport;

(c) whether there is any proposal to instal Automated Air Traffic Control System at HAL Airport;

(d) if so, the estimated cost of the same and the steps taken to procure the same;

(e) what is the percentage of aircrafts that can be accommodated in the same airspace with the installation of the above ATC at HAL Airport; and

(f) by when, it will be installed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The average number of flights handled per day at Bangalore Airport during 2004-05 is 153 (19 International and 134 domestic).

(b) The average number of passengers handled per day at this airport during 2004-05 is 11,264 (1,840 International and 9,424 domestic).

(c) Flight Data Processing System (FDPS) has been installed. Radar Date Processing System (RDPS) is under implementaion.

(d) With estimated cost of approximate Rs. 5 crores, the procurement action is in progress.

(e) Approximately 25% more aircraft can be handled after the installation of RDPS.

(f) It is expected that the RDPS will be installed by December, 2005.

Flying Academies

2788. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of flying colleges/Academies run by Central Government/ Government Corporations/Public Sector Units in the country;

(b) whether these Flying Academies are able to produce the required number of pilots; and

(c) whether Government would open more flying academies to train more youth to become pilots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) There are 39 flying training institutes in the country. Of these, 27 institutes are covered under the subvention scheme of Government of India and 11 are owned by private parties. Besides, there is Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi, an autonomous body udner the administrative Control of Ministry of Civil Aviation, imparting flying training.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) if necessary, Government would open more flying academies.

Abandoned Airports in Tripura

2789. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from the State Government of Tripura to hand over abandoned airports in the State to the State Government for the use of Government institutes;

(b) if so, the details of the airports; and